

WE'LL HAVE FRENCH THEATER

WITH THE LATEST PLAYS FROM PARIS GIVEN IN ENGLISH.

James H. Hyde and Others Interested in the Society—Victor Mapes to be Managing Director—American Actors to be Employed and to Share in Profits.

An association has been formed by James H. Hyde, Oakleigh Thorne, William H. (Chevrolet) and other well known New Yorkers interested in the drama which next winter will run a theater in this city devoted to exploiting exclusively the works of the contemporary French dramatists. The plays will be given in English.

The scheme has been made possible by the subscriptions of members of a new society. The capital required is \$125,000, and all but a few thousand dollars have been subscribed. Victor Mapes is to be the managing director.

The Society of French Dramatic Authors has agreed to allow the plays of French writers to be used in this country by the society for a royalty of only 1 per cent. Only the plays of French writers will be produced, and the contracts have been drawn up by Frederic R. Coudert, who is also a stockholder.

Two of the most popular theaters in the city have been offered to the society. Klaw & Erlanger have offered to acquire for use outside of New York all those plays that meet with sufficient a success here. The company to be engaged will include a number of American actors, who will be employed for the entire term of six months and will in addition to a salary receive a share in the profits.

"The French stage is producing a number of very fine plays in these days," one of the promoters of the new society said yesterday. "But for various reasons they never get before the American public. Most of the adaptations are made first in England and then after a while get to us. Under the new arrangement we shall have the French authors the American rights are to be vested wholly in the company producing them.

Where the subject is adapted to American life, the drama will be done by the best of our American dramatists. No play will be under any circumstances be made on the stage for more than six weeks. French plays are not acted here now in a way that gives any idea of their real nature, and they are certain to be a most interesting kind of theatrical fare from what improper and ignorant handling has made them in the past few years."

The first performance of the new company will be given next October.

LUNA PARK RENEWED.

"Coasting the Gorges" Is to Be a Star—Illuminated Cascades.

When Luna Park, Coney Island, opens for the season Saturday next patrons of the big amusement park will find that practically every square foot of the thirty-eight acres has been transformed. A lot of the old shows have been out and new ones fully as spectacular have been substituted.

One of these is a brand new scenic railway that is said to contain curves and grades such as were never attempted before. The new thriller is called "Coasting the Gorges." In a building measuring 200x300 feet there have been laid 4,000 feet of track, at the end of which the cars shoot under a huge waterfall at top speed.

Two of last year's attractions, "Fire and Flames" and "A Trip to the Moon," will be retained, although both will be produced on a more extensive scale than before. Illuminated cascades at the base of the tower at the foot of the lake will provide a beautiful night spectacle. Two big pumps will force 15,000 gallons of water a minute through the mouths of three big dolphins twenty-five feet above the surface of the lake, and through the trunk of four plaster elephants seated on their haunches at the corners of the lower will spout streams of water into the air. The cascades will pour over a series of glass steps, behind which colored electric lights will change the color of the water.

The circus rings have been rebuilt. Among the performers who will appear on Saturday is Monbar, who calls himself the "Human Torpedo" and says his act is "an example of magnificent daring with death chuckling in the awful anticipation at every instant of the frightful flight."

MRS. CARTER'S INJURY SERIOUS.

Physician Says She Will Be Incapacitated for at Least Four Weeks.

It was definitely decided yesterday that Mrs. Leslie Carter will be unable to act again this season. When David Belasco, her manager, announced her accident on Friday night he said he didn't think she would be able to play again this season, but he wasn't positive and he would not receive the following statement from her physician yesterday:

"Mrs. Leslie Carter has torn the external lateral ligament of the left ankle and broken the tip of the bone of the leg at its lower extremity, which will incapacitate her for at least four weeks."

PACKER ALUMNAE LUNCHEON.

Twenty-fourth Annual Spread Held at Delmonico's, With 250 Present.

The associate alumnae of Packer Institute gave their twenty-fourth annual luncheon at Delmonico's yesterday. About 250 graduates were present.

Vice-President Elizabeth H. Perry announced the toasts, which were on sentiments selected from Shakespeare's plays. Dr. Backus, the president of the institute, failed to secure a Shakespearean quotation as a subject, and just told reminiscences of Packer girls all over the world.

"THE MERCHANT OF VENICE" WAS THE PLAY TO WHICH MRS. PHILIP CARPENTER, PRESIDENT OF THE NEW YORK STATE FEDERATION OF WOMEN'S CLUBS, SPOKE. HER SUBJECT WAS "LAW." IN HER REMARKS SHE DISTINGUISHED THE CHARGE THAT WOMAN LACKS THE "HEART AND LOGICAL MIND."

He had been in high spirit all the evening and this remark, taken as a joke by those in the circle, only served to heighten the jollity and Mr. Linde was goodnaturedly chaffed for a minute until it was seen that he was deadly pale. Dr. J. Minor Maghee was called from his residence opposite the hotel, when he arrived, Mr. Linde was dead. Death was caused by apoplexy.

Mrs. Linde was 47 years old. He was proprietor of the Coleman Hotel, West Orange, New York, where he had kept a hotel in 125th street. He was born in Germany, but had lived in this country for thirty-five years. A widow, a son and a daughter survive him.

LIVE TOPICS ABOUT TOWN.

She was more than plump, though she tried not to look it, and as she strolled toward the penny weighing machine on the elevated platform three men who were waiting for the train directed their steps toward that end of the station.

For a moment she hesitated, then, with an elaborate affectation of indifference, she passed beyond the machine and took a seat on one of the benches. Presently the train came along and everybody piled aboard save the plump woman and one man, who lingered at a discreet distance to see what would happen.

As the gates were shut the woman made a line for the scales and stepped off just in time to escape the prying eyes of a new arrival.

"Funny thing, that," observed the chopper to the one who had waited. "She goes to one of those places where they take off flesh. She must be a single woman at the place, and as soon as she comes out she wants to try those scales to make sure that it's doing her good. I heard her telling a friend about it one day."

"She is sensitive about her weight, and unless she can escape the rubberneck she waits until a train has just pulled out and we have the place to ourselves."

"I see," said the stranger without a gasp, "that you divide the town into three parts, the East Side, the West Side and downtown."

"Not a bit of it," retorted the volunteer schoolmaster. "We divide the town into three parts, all right, but it's the big new buildings, the little old buildings and the holes in the ground where more new buildings are going to be."

Chafing dishes are giving place to the gas stove and the casserole in the bachelor apartments. Many men still single have turned from the bachelor apartment house to the small flat, greatly to the comfort of themselves and their pocketbooks.

The tiny kitchens in the four room flats can be made very attractive with white paint and clean, bright, and cheerful cooking utensils has already proved its usefulness. One uptown apartment boasts a complete equipment from the tiny one holding a single egg to be baked with cheese to the three quart casserole large enough to hold spaghetti for a poker party. The work is as tempting as with the "chafing dish," while a wider range of dishes is possible and better results are obtained.

At the Grand Central station on Saturday afternoon a little boy on a scale stumbled and fell on the stone pavement, and his newspapers were scattered right and left. Several men ran to his assistance and they were certain to have been badly hurt. He was crying bitterly. One man supported the boy while another slowly dressed him poked up the soiled papers and sold them to the crowd that had gathered. They went like hot cakes, and the happy newboy held out his hand and received the silver pieces that were left there.

"It strikes me as funny," says a well known architect, "that no one has written up Mrs. Remington Varnum of Arverne. There is a woman who has accomplished something in man's field."

"Arverne is a pretty little suburb, and it owes its attractiveness largely to Mrs. Varnum. She has planted every street in it, laid out the parks and the grounds and selected the trees, flowers and shrubbery. In addition, she has designed several of the hotels, and not a few of the private residences. I don't know where she acquired her knowledge of architecture, but I do know she has got it and knows how to apply it."

Fads in hoisery are many and various. Custom made rights and lefts are staples, but only lately can these goods be had from stock. Nowadays you can buy men's hoisery conforming to the shape of feet at the average Broadway or Fifth Avenue shop. Another novelty is known to the trade as "crawfoot" half hose. This designation is applied partly because of the peculiar fashioning and partly because the sole is made of softer fabric than the foot and body. Hoisery with individual compartments for the toes is a recent innovation. Hoisery socks are new also. These are sold with a six months guarantee ticket accompanying each pair.

The subject was tainted money. "Of course," said the pessimist, "the church accepted the money. It naturally would. Who ever heard of a corporation refusing to make money? And, indeed, why should a corporation refuse to make a private individual? Who ever heard of a single person wilfully losing an opportunity of making a little haul?"

"Have you ever tried to buy cards, or dice, or such things at —?" [Naming a big department store.] Well, you could get them if you tried. When he stepped out in life, at the age of 20, he promised his mother that he would have nothing to do with cards or dice, and he has kept his promise; though, one of his buyers informs me, there is not a day that there is not a great demand for them in this card-playing city of New York, and though it means a yearly loss of many hundreds of dollars.

Although the stationery shop was next door to the post office, the clerk handed out the two cent stamp called for without any show of surprise.

"It's a common trick," he said after the young woman had left. "If you will step into the office you will see why. You will find a string of ten to fifteen people waiting in line to procure stamps, and as most of them are women that means a half hour of ten minutes to a quarter of an hour for the last on the line. This woman wanted to get only a single stamp, and she avoided that wait by coming in here."

"Take it easy and week out, I tell about three hundred stamps a week here, and in the holiday seasons at Christmas and Easter I have a postal scale and a man to do nothing but sell stamps."

I more than get my money back, however, for last year I sold several hundred dollars' worth of cards and other presents to people who came in here to save time. The scales were at the rear of the store and they had to pass the entire stock."

The day before Good Friday a woman entered a bakery in an East Side street in which is a church. She told the baker she wanted two dozen hot cross buns for the next morning, and added: "And remember, don't put any cross on them when you bake 'em. You know I'm not a Catholic."

"Petronius arbler eleganter," said a physician the other day, "was not the only one who knew how to ward off the ravages of old age by having his body kneaded by slaves every morning before he started out on his daily round of guile."

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IN SOCIETY.

This week is apparently to be duller socially than any week of the Lenten period. Society these days is interested only in sporting events. Quite a number of invitations to June weddings will be issued within the next fortnight, and these will be the forerunners of many festivities for expectant brides and bridegrooms.

Mrs. Charles T. Barney and her daughter, Miss Katherine Barney, who was a guest of Miss Jean Held on her coach on Wednesday for the fourth annual parade of the Four-in-Hand Driving Club, sailed on Wednesday on the Lorraine of the French line for Havre. They will join Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Stevens Alexander for a Continental trip. Miss Barney has been a bridesmaid twice recently, once for her sister, Mrs. Alexander, and Easter week for Miss Ellis, now Mrs. Humphreys.

Lord Lovat is a titled eligible just now expected to visit in town. He will be the guest here of Mr. and Mrs. Phillips, who have leased his Scotch home, Beaufort Castle, where the Martin-Phillips bridal breakfast was given. Sir Charles Rivers, Wilson, Sir Thomas G. Shaughey and Sir William Mather have just arrived. Lord Falconer is stopping at the Holland House. He is a cousin of the Duke of Manchester and eldest son of the Earl of Kintore. Viscount and Viscountess (last night, the former the elder son of the Marquis of Londonderry, at the Albemarle, are so much absorbed in anticipation of a Western hunting trip as to care little for seeing New York.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Wilson are in town and drive out every afternoon. Mrs. Wilson's daughters, Mrs. Ogden Goetz and Lady Herbert, are in Paris and Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt will soon sail with her husband. Mr. and Mrs. M. Orme Wilson will remain on this side, as will Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Wilson, Jr., who have taken a cottage at Newport. Robert Goetz, who was much with his grandparents as a young lad, has taken a house at Newport.

Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Martin, Jr., are still the guests here of Mrs. Martin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Phillips, at their home, 6 East Eighty-seventh street. All of the family will sail for England later in the month, and will stay in London in anticipation of the wedding of Miss Amy Phillips and the Hon. Frederick Guest, cousin of the Duke of Marlborough, to be celebrated in June. Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Martin, who recently returned from the Continent to their home in London, will be very quiet during the season. Mr. Martin has got them if he is going abroad for a few weeks. Mrs. William B. Rochester, wife of Gen. Rochester of Washington, and Miss Judith T. Davies of this city.

Cards are out for the wedding next Wednesday in Chicago of Miss Lucille Grant Dent, a niece of Gen. Frederick D. Grant, and Lieut. Bert of the Nineteenth Infantry, U. S. A., to take place in the Holy Name Cathedral. It will be a very big affair and celebrated in military fashion. Lieut. Bert is stationed in Fort Harrison, and the bride's father, Col. Dent, is stationed at Chicago for the summer.

The Tuxedo cottages are again assembling at their homes at the park and of colony will be very gay from now on through June. Mr. and Mrs. Pierre Lorillard have returned to their place from Washington. James Henry Smith has only to-day and next Sunday to entertain friends at his cottage, as he sails on Tuesday. May 16, for England. Mr. and Mrs. Forsyth Wickes will soon go to the Tuxedo cottage they have taken. As soon as Mr. and Mrs. George G. Haven, Mrs. Wickes's parents, took possession of their own reconstructed dwelling, 24 East Thirty-third street, work was begun on 266 Madison avenue, where they passed the winter, which is to be done over entirely before Mr. and Mrs. Forsyth Wickes take possession in the autumn.

Miss Isabel May of Washington, who has attended as bridesmaid on many occasions, the last being the Easter wedding of Miss Julia Lorillard Edgar and Richard C. Williams, Jr., is going abroad with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry May, for the summer. Miss May is a niece of Lady Bagot, and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. May, who with her mother, Mrs. May, and her infant daughters is making a short stay at Brighton.

Count Ward, who has a fine house for the season in London, at 5 Chester Square, will be one of the chief American entertainers. His brother-in-law and sister, Captain and Mrs. Blackburn Tew, are with him. His former wife, now Mrs. Gibbs (Latham), is also in London, where she has recently been joined by her mother, Mrs. Victor Newcomb of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Tew and his sister are traveling on the Continent.

Mr. and Mrs. John Van Schaick and their daughter, Miss Mildred Van Schaick, who sail next Saturday, May 13, for Europe, will take an automobile trip through England and Scotland. Mr. Van Schaick after this will return to New York and Mrs. Van Schaick and Miss Van Schaick will take a trip in the motor car through the chateau section of the Loire country and in Switzerland.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Ely announce the engagement of their daughter, Helena Rutherford Ely, to Richard Worme Meade, the only son of the late Admiral Meade.

The marriage of Miss Janet Stewart Heath, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kemble Heath, and Robert Forsyth Little will take place at 6 o'clock in the afternoon of June 7, at the West End Collegiate Church. Dr. Henry Everett Cobb will officiate. Mr. Little is a graduate of Princeton, class of '98. The maid of honor will be Miss Julia W. Little, the bridegroom's sister. The best man will be Robert Scoville.

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LIFE SENTENCE FOR BOYNE.

Discovery Afterward That He Had Grudge Against Woman He Killed.

James Boyne, the half breed-Moor, who pleaded guilty to murder in the second degree for killing Mary Wilson in the St. Lawrence Hotel in East Thirtieth street on April 8, was sentenced by Justice Davy in the Supreme Court, Criminal Branch, yesterday, to life imprisonment.

"If you are an obedient and penitent prisoner," said Justice Davy, "you can entertain the hope of spending your old age out of prison. It often happens that a life sentence in the case of so young a man is commuted in later years if he conducts himself in such a manner as to deserve sympathy."

Boyne was the steward of the Avon Beach Democratic Club at Bensonhurst. He counsel said that Boyne had known the woman for over a year and that she had not treated him properly.

"If I had known that," said Assistant District Attorney Ely, who had charge of the case, "I would not have agreed to let Boyne plead guilty to murder in the second degree. If he had known the girl for a year and had planned to kill her, then he deserved the electric chair."

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